

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

September 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am by Vice Chairman Lee Buckingham at Auburn City Hall, Room 10. Present were: Lee Buckingham, April Maynard, Aloha Baumgarten, Joyce Silva, Rob Turner, Judi Lardner and Mike Holmes.

A quorum was established and the August Minutes accepted as written.

Public Comment: Joyce brought up an Auburn Journal article by Gus Thomson that discussed putting a statue of Gilbert Ortega downtown. She thinks that the AAC should do something to remember him. Mike said that a group was meeting on September 14th to discuss this idea. Joyce also announced that her granddaughter, Gabby Hidalgo, is putting on a Festival for the Arts on November 13th for her senior project at Placer High School.

Public Art Loan Program Update: Lee reported that the City Council reviewed the proposed temporary art program at their last meeting. Mayor Kirby would like to see the honorarium be negotiable instead of a fixed amount, and Council Member Nesbitt wants to include a provision that would give the City a commission if the loaned artwork sells while on display. A discussion followed about honorariums and commissions.

Streetscape project: Lee said that there is nothing new to report.

Mural projects: Rob announced that he would be contacting Archie Warren soon to get the mural project going again. He talked to Toby Covich (art teacher at Placer High School) who said that the senior art class would assist in mural preparation and painting. They are still working on getting the spray paint for the mural donated. Mike suggested that Rob contact Mark Jansen of Warehouse Paint. The City Council must approve the final mural design and any City funds allocated for it. Questions were asked about whether removable panels will be used (they won't) and when the mural will be painted (ideally October or November).

City Hall Gallery: Aloha said that the August Art Walk was the best turnout yet. Both artists did demonstrations, and Sonja Hamilton's finished painting was raffled off at the end of the evening. She thinks that having helium balloons outside City Hall helped attract people and recommended that they be used for all future art walks. The Rocklin Art Group will be featured in the gallery at the October 11th Art Walk. She has heard that the display case in the gallery may be removed due to liability issues. Rob asked who arranges the music for the art walks. April answered that Sue Dings had and that she has taken over that responsibility. Mike confirmed that the Council has allocated money for music at the October Art Walk.

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center: Mike said that there was another open house held on September 8th. The United Auburn Indian Community is being approached for a matching grant. Promotional DVDs are also being put together for distribution to local service clubs. A discussion ensued about UAIC funding and other fund-raising ideas, and questions were asked regarding who might utilize the performing arts center.

Music/Art Festival: Joyce suggested that a small group meet soon to discuss this idea and stressed that the entire AAC would need to be behind the effort if it's going to work.

April thinks that there needs to be a better outlet for letting people know about what's going on art-wise in the community, such as a joint online effort with PlacerArts and the Performing Arts Center.

AAC Vacancies: There is still a position available for a professional artist.

Airport Monument: Mike announced that the City Council approved the monument but that the proper wording for the base of the monument still needs to be determined.

9/11 Memorial: Mike said the Council approved funding for the memorial and that the Hook and Ladder Company has offered a \$300 donation toward the memorial's cost.

Fund Raising: Judi said that the process of setting a special meeting seems too onerous. A discussion ensued and it was decided to hold a special study session on Tuesday, September 27th, at 8:15am to discuss fund-raising ideas. Lee will check on the availability of the meeting room and file the requisite notice with the City.

Mountain Quarries Bridge gallery show: Mike said he hopes that an exhibition of paintings and photos of the bridge will take place in the City Hall Gallery in conjunction with the bridge's centennial celebration in March of 2012.

Future Agenda Items: April recommended that the AAC talk about making a concerted public relations effort at a future meeting. Rob said he hopes that Archie Warren can talk about the mural project at the October meeting.

The next meeting will be on October 11, 2011 at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am
Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Lardner, Secretary